

Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools
Measure Committee



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Dear Colleague

Consultation - Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools Measure Committee

The National Assembly for Wales Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools Measure Committee ('the Committee') was established on 30 April 2008 to consider and report on the general principles of the proposed Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2008 ('the proposed Measure'). You can find details of the proposed Measure and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum at the link

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/bus-legislation-meas-hes.htm> . If you would prefer to receive hard copies of the consultation documents please contact the legislation office, contact details below.

In order to inform its work, the Committee would welcome written evidence from interested parties on the following:

1. Is there a need for an Assembly Measure to promote healthy eating in schools in view of existing initiatives within this policy area?
2. Do you support the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure, i.e.
 - the duty on Welsh Ministers, governing bodies, head teachers and local education authorities to promote healthy eating in schools;
 - healthy eating should be part of the inspection regime and includes reporting requirements on Welsh Ministers, the Chief Inspector of Education and training in Wales and governing bodies;
 - power of Welsh Ministers to specify nutritional standards, including the requirement to specify maximum levels of salt, sugar and artificial additives in food and drink provided for pupils on school premises;
 - encouraging take up of school meals and protection of identity of those who receive them; and
 - the duty on local education authorities to ensure availability of drinking water for pupils.

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3. What are the practical implications of putting these provisions in place?
4. Are there further provisions that you would like to see added to the proposed Assembly Measure?
5. Do you think the proposed Assembly Measure will achieve its overall purpose and aim, i.e. to enable a holistic, comprehensive 'made in Wales' policy on nutrition in schools to be developed and implemented?

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk and entitle the e-mail *Consultation HES Committee*. If you would prefer to send your submission in hard copy, please send it to Ruth Hatton, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by Friday 20 June 2008. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Further information on the legislative process can be found at:
<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance/bus-legislation-guidance-measures.htm>

When preparing your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- the National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed by Assembly Members at Committee meetings. **If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;**
- please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual;
- please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

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The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the autumn term.

If you have any queries, please contact Liz Wilkinson, Committee Clerk on 029 2089 8025 or Ruth Hatton Deputy Clerk on 029 2089 8019.

Yours sincerely

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